



# NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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## North curry parish council

**KING CHARLES III CORONATION:** The Parish council has taken the decision to order a supply of commemorative mugs, presenting a free mug to children in the Parish. We are also offering to supply extra mugs to older children and anyone else in the Parish for £6 per mug. To reserve a commemorative Coronation mug, you will need to apply this year to prevent excess stock. **If you are ordering a free mug for a child aged 11 or under:** please email [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com) or use the Parish Office post box, and include the child's name, date of birth, and first line of address and postcode. **If you are ordering a mug for a child aged 12 and above, or for yourself:** please also email or post, including a name, and first line of address and postcode. The cost will be £6, please include payment with your application. If emailing, please use the subject title 'Coronation Mug'. Once the mugs arrive, you will be able to collect them from the Parish Office-date to be announced. **Please apply before 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

**CORONATION TREE:** Your Parish Council have chosen to plant an Oak tree to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III, but would like your say in where this tree should be planted. The options are: Queen Square Gardens, or the Community Woodland on White Street. Please let us know if you think of another option. You can vote by emailing [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com) or replying to the post on our Facebook page.

**CORONATION CELEBRATION:** We are thinking of arranging an Afternoon Tea event on the Playing Field, this will be decided and details shared next month.

**LITTER PICK:** Our usual spring litter pick will be on March 25<sup>th</sup>, meeting at 10:30am at the Village Hall. We hope to see lots of you there helping to keep your Parish free of litter! Hi-Vis jackets and litter pickers will be provided.

**MAY FAIR:** We are so pleased to forward the news that the North Curry May Fair will be making a return this year, on Saturday 13th May! Please help spread the word and keep an eye out for more details being released. Well done and many thanks to the May Fair Committee for reviving the event.

**CALL FOR CARERS:** The County Council shared that there is currently a recruitment call for carers. Please visit [www.proudtocaresomerset.co.uk](http://www.proudtocaresomerset.co.uk) to learn more and see if this rewarding career could be for you!

### The Parish Council Office opening hours are:

Wednesdays 10:00am – 1:00pm

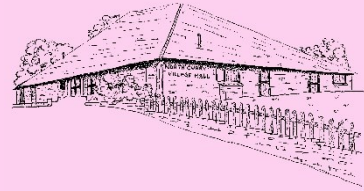
Thursdays 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Telephone No: 01823 490136 or contact us at [parishcouncil@northcurry.com](mailto:parishcouncil@northcurry.com)

**Parish Council Diary for March 2023:** see the Parish notice Board, our Website and Facebook.

**Our Parish Council Meetings** are the second Wednesday of each month, plus just for any extra planning meetings needed the last Wednesday of the month, both in the Meeting Room of our Village Hall at 7:30pm.

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## North Curry Village Hall Management Committee

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in the Meeting Room of the Hall  
on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
starting at 7:30pm

All residents of North Curry are cordially invited to attend and to nominate and participate in the election of new management committee members. The committee comprises six parish members, representatives from hall user groups and up to 3 co-opted members.

Jenni Protherough, VH Secretary - 01823 490426



### Wetland Conservation on the Somerset Levels

On 15<sup>th</sup> March, Damon Bridge focusses on the birds of the Levels, especially the cranes. For 30 years, Damon has been with the RSPB, working to protect wildlife habitats and species, with the last 20 years spent on Somerset's Levels and Moors. He's specialized in wetland management – the Somerset Wetlands with their special birds, plants and other creatures are very dear to him, working with some of Somerset's newest species like the cranes, and seeing the transformation of former arable land to thriving wetland nature reserves.

NCS meet at the Village Hall, generally on the third Wednesday each month. Doors open 7:30pm for refreshments, chat and further discussion afterwards. Visitors welcome - £5 for the evening, so it's worth becoming a Member at £15 for the rest of the year up to our AGM in July.





March unusually brings 2 screenings. Totally contrasting subjects, but equally compelling.



**Persian Lessons.** 1942. Gilles is arrested by the SS alongside other Jews and sent to a concentration camp. He narrowly avoids execution by swearing that he is not Jewish, but Persian. This lie temporarily saves him, but then Gilles is assigned to teach Persian to Koch, in charge of the camp's kitchen, who dreams of opening a restaurant in Persia once the war is over. Gilles finds himself having to invent a language he doesn't know, word by word, acutely aware that one false move could expose his swindle.

### WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH

Germany, 2020, with subtitles. Cert 15

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**AFTER LOVE.** In a BAFTA winning performance Joanna Scanlon plays Mary Hussain. Set in the port town of Dover, Mary suddenly finds herself a widow following the unexpected death of her ferry-working husband. A day after the burial, she discovers he has a secret family just twenty-one miles across the English Channel in

Calais. The unusual mix of English, French and Pakistani cultures brings a plausible reality to this film with unexpected consequences.

### WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH

UK/France 2020. Cert 12A

Doors open at 7:00pm. Films starts at 7:30.

**North Curry Village Hall, Greenway**

Non-members welcome. Only £5pp.



## White Street News (North Curry Sport)

### 200 Club:

Congratulations to these winners in the Youth Football Club, Cricket Club and Adult Football Club. Together, the clubs have 120 200 Club members.

There are a few places left in the 200 Club. It costs just £12 to enter for the year. Just send a message to [whitestreet@northcurry.com](mailto:whitestreet@northcurry.com) All proceeds support the running of the White Street site. Thank you!

Another way to help us and to win prizes is the Somerset West Lottery. In 2022, 18 people received prizes while contributing to North Curry Sport. To help us, why not subscribe at [www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk/support/north-curry-sports](http://www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk/support/north-curry-sports)



\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*

**Saturday 13th May 2023**

**2:00pm – 4:30pm**

Great news! After a long absence, we are happy to announce that the North Curry May Fair is returning and we look forward to welcoming new and old friends back to this popular community event.

Anyone who is interested in booking a stall, please get in touch either by email to [northcurrymayfair@gmail.com](mailto:northcurrymayfair@gmail.com) or by calling Jacky on 490456 for more details.

We are also looking for support with donations for the raffle draw. If you can help with any contacts to approach, or donations, we would be grateful to hear from you. Thank you!



## Calling All Veterans

The world has changed so much in recent times, and so has the Royal British Legion North Curry Branch. With the loss of key, long-serving members, the Branch is now supported, and administrated, at County level.



Consequently, we are now more of an informal social group, meeting up once a month to share news and views over a drink (or two!). It can be a lonely place being a veteran, but whether you are currently serving, in the reserves, or have served in the Armed Forces - you, and your family, will always be part of the Veterans' community. So come along, pull up a bollard, ammo box or chock, and be amongst friends.

Muster point – The Bird in Hand on the first Saturday of the month from April at 19:00. Standby to standby!

Want to know more?

Contact Mike Fleming - 07855 454333



## Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm in the village hall. (Note this is the second Wednesday – for one month only!)

A first visit is free of charge, thereafter non-members pay £3.50 per session – wonderful value for an evening of fun, exercise, both mental and physical, and friendship with refreshments included. Do come along and join in! Singles, couples or groups always welcome.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.



## North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our first March meeting is on Friday  
3<sup>rd</sup> March in North Curry Village Hall.  
7:45pm for 8:00pm.

**Richard Horswood will be speaking  
on "Alpines in Troughs".**

He will be showing how to put together  
an alpine trough, what plants to use,  
the most suitable compost and where  
to position your plants. A trough can be  
a really useful feature for a smaller  
garden or a corner that you would like  
to brighten up and make more  
interesting.

We have two meetings in March as the  
first Friday in April is Good Friday and  
we will not be meeting on that day.

**On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, our speaker is  
Martin Young who will talk about  
"Hardy Geraniums".**

Such useful plants. As Margery Fish of  
East Lambrook Manor wrote "When in  
doubt, plant a geranium". A really  
versatile plant suitable for all aspects of  
the garden. Come along and learn  
more.

We are enthusiastic gardeners from  
North Curry and the surrounding areas.  
Coffee, tea, biscuits and a chat round  
off the evening.

Why not join us? New members and  
visitors always welcome.

Membership £12.00 p.a.  
Visitors £3.00 per visit.

Need more info?

Phone Sue on 01823 491658

Or email -

[northcurrygardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:northcurrygardeningclub@gmail.com)

## Services at North Curry parish church March 2023



### 5<sup>th</sup> March Second Sunday of Lent

8:00am BCP Eucharist

10:00am Eucharist

### 12<sup>th</sup> March Third Sunday of Lent

10:00am Eucharist

### 19<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday

8:00am BCP Eucharist

4:00pm Evensong (or child-friendly service)

### 26<sup>th</sup> March Passion Sunday *summertime starts*

10:00am Eucharist

### 2<sup>nd</sup> April Palm Sunday

8:00am BCP Eucharist

9:50am gather outside Queen Square Garden for procession

10:00am Eucharist

**Daily Prayer** at 9:00am on weekdays in the parish churches:

**Tuesdays** at Stoke St Gregory, **Wednesdays** at Burrowbridge,

**Thursdays** at Lyng, **Fridays** at North Curry.

**The Revd Dr Simon Bale** [vicar@athelneybenefice.com](mailto:vicar@athelneybenefice.com)

07970 936325 | 01823 491587 Athelney Vicarage, Stoke Road, TA3 6HN



## North Curry WI

Are you all looking forward to your  
Easter eggs? So that you can get an  
early 'fix' of chocolate, North Curry W I  
are welcoming the lady from the  
Chocolate specialist at the Willows and  
Wetlands centre. We're hoping she will  
bring lots of delicious samples for us to  
try. Our meeting starts at 1:30pm and is  
on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

If you have children to collect from  
school, the meeting will finish before  
collecting time.

We look forward to seeing you there.

### Important Note:

Because so many committee members  
will be absent for the first Wednesday  
in April, we have re-arranged our next  
meeting to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April so  
avoiding school holidays.

Please accept our apologies for any  
inconvenience - we hope you think it's  
important to have the committee there!

**WARM HUB** is now cancelled until  
further notice. Thank you to all who  
came along. A special thank you to  
Kate Roberts for making soup.

## North Curry Music Festival

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Keep the dates free!

<i>Friday Concert</i>	The Askew Sisters
<i>Saturday Events</i>	Children's Music Workshop Musical Picnic in the Square
<i>Saturday Concert</i>	Ben Griffiths Quintet
<i>Sunday Events</i>	Morning Eucharistic Service Peal of the Recast Bells Evensong with 'In Ecclesia'

[www.northcurrymusicfestival.uk](http://www.northcurrymusicfestival.uk)



**NORTH CURRY PAVILION**  
& PLAYING FIELD

Available to hire as a venue for parties  
(children's and adults), meetings and  
celebrations. With a large outdoor area ideal  
for bouncy castles and games, in addition a  
multi-use games area (MUGA) for children and  
young people to have fun and let off steam.

To book see calendar and booking form at  
[www.ncpavilion.co.uk](http://www.ncpavilion.co.uk)  
or email [pavilion@northcurry.com](mailto:pavilion@northcurry.com)

 <http://en-gb.facebook.com/NorthCurryPavilion>

## North Curry Village Hall

To hire the hall, go to

[www.hallbookings.northcurry.com](http://www.hallbookings.northcurry.com)

no internet? then phone 07967 139636

For issues **other than hiring**  
email [villagehall@northcurry.com](mailto:villagehall@northcurry.com)



## Happy Hookers' Crochet and Knitting Group

If you crochet or knit and would like to meet up with like-minded people in the village over a cuppa or glass of wine, please come along and join us.

**Every Tuesday evening  
7:00 – 8:30pm**

North Curry Pavilion, Greenway

Refreshments provided

£3 per session (cash please on the night)

First session will start on  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

*\*Please bring your own materials and project to work on as this is not a taught session\**

To reserve your place, please call or message Tracy Rumary on 07919 543260.

(Please note you do not have to commit to coming weekly but you will need to book a place each session)

'Learn to Crochet' workshops are also available – please contact Tracy for further details.

## Village Litter Pick 25<sup>th</sup> March

The Parish Council is organising a Litter Pick on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. We're meeting at **the Village Hall at 10:30am**; please come along to help if you possibly can. All you need is a pair of gardening-type gloves – yellow jackets, sacks and litter-pickers provided.

Many hands make light work and it all helps to maintain a clean, tidy and healthy environment for everyone.

Of course, even if you can't get there on the day, litter can be picked whenever you're out and about in the parish.

For further details please ring the Clerk on 490136 or Brian Jeanes on 490623.

## Produce Market

Thank you everyone who came to the February market. I am sorry there weren't any bacon butties and there won't be any until we are back from our holiday.

The good news is we have managed to get a lovely couple to take over for the March markets.

We are still looking for anyone who could help with the running of the Market.

See you all in May and thank you for all your support.

## North Curry Methodist Church News

**March Services starting at 11:00am**

5<sup>th</sup> Service led by Virginia Pearson

12<sup>th</sup> Service led by the Reverend Anthony Huxtable

19<sup>th</sup> Service of Holy Communion led by the Reverend Deborah Kirk

26<sup>th</sup> Service led by the Reverend Robin Hutt